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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Shigeru YAMAZAKI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 8405
Application No.: 10/799,622	:	Group Art Unit: 2651
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	:	Examiner: N. Figueroa
For: RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS	:	

**COMMENTS RESPONSIVE TO STATEMENT OF**  
**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)**

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Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the November 02, 2005 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning.

The Statement simply repeats verbatim the text of the last five paragraphs of independent claim 19. The patentable language of the allowed claims is already of record in the case and is adequately clear. Repetition of claim language in the Statement adds nothing substantive to the record and should not create any narrowing interpretation or estoppel with regard to any of the allowed claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of

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the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants' prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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